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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN ELECTORAL LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE (ELDC) FOLLOWS:

1. TRAN QUANG THUAN - FORMER MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE, SECGEN BUDDHIST VAN HANH UNIVERSITY; MILITANT BUDDHIST; WITHDREW FROM ELDC MAY 17 IN PROTEST AGAINST GVN ACTION AT DANANG; NOW IN HIDING TO AVOID GVN DRAFT CALL.

2. PHAM THANH DAN - BUDDHIST; ATTORNEY; ATTENDED FEW MEETINGS.

3. NGUYEN VAN HUYEN - FORMER DEAN OF SAIGON BAR, PROMINENT SOUTHERN CATHOLIC LAYMAN, MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF NOTABLES, HIGH NATIONAL COUNCIL, NEW CIVILIAN MEMBER OF DIRECTORATE.

4. VU NGOC TRAN - NORTHERN CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL, NEW CIVILIAN MEMBER OF DIRECTORATE.

5. VAN THANH CAO - FORMER CAO DAI GENERAL, NEW CIVILIAN MEMBER OF DIRECTORATE.

6. NGUYEN HOA MINH - CAO DAI FROM TAY NINH.

7. NGUYEN LONG - MEMBER HOA HAO CENTRAL COMMITTEE, TEACHER.

8. LAM NGOC THACH - MEMBER HOA HAO CENTRAL COMMITTEE, SAIGON BUSINESSMAN.

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9. NGUYEN LUONG HUNG -- PROFESSOR, SECRETARY OF ELDC. CAO DAI.

10. NGUYEN NGOC HUY -- PROFESSOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATIO SECGEN, TAN DAI VIET PARTY.

11. NGUYEN TUOC BA -- LEADER OF CLQG (NATIONALIST MAIN FORCE) FACTION OF VNQDD IN CENTRAL VIET-NAM; ALLEGEDLY CLOSE TO GENERAL NGUYEN CHANH THI.

12. NGUYEN VAN LOC -- SECGEN OF SOUTHERN OLD STUDENTS ASSN; SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ELDC.

13. NGUYEN BA NHAN -- PROFESSOR; APPARENTLY DIRECTOR OF HA TIEN CEMENT PLANT AND SOUTHERN POLITICAL PERSONALITY.

14. VUONG VAN BAC -- ATTORNEY AND SECGEN VIETNAMESE LAWYERS ASSN; POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT.

15. NGUYEN LAN SANH -- SOUTHERN, BUDDHIST; CHAIRMAN OF ELDC SUB-COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

16. TRAN THANH HIEP -- ATTORNEY, CHAIRMAN SUB-COMMITTEE ON RESTORATION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY; FRIEND OF FORMER PM QUAT AND MINLABOR IN HIS GOVERNMENT; ALSO CLOSE TO TAM CHAU, AND REPORTEDLY A PARTICIPANT PLANNER FOR VIETNAMESE BUDDHIST FORCES EARLY 1966.

17. HUYNH DUC BUU -- CHAIRMAN OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON DRAFTING OF ELECTION LAW, MAGISTRATE, CATHOLIC.

18. NGUYEN VAN BIEN -- MEMBER SOUTHERN OLD STUDENTS ASSN; CIVIL SERVANT, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY.

19. TRAN VAN LIEM -- ATTORNEY; COUNCILOR/MEMBER SOUTHERN OLD STUDENTS ASSN.

20. TRAN VAN AN -- CHAIRMAN OF ELDC, NEW CIVILIAN MEMBER OF DIRECTORATE, OLD-TIME POLITICIAN LINKED WITH MANY GROUPS, CURRENTLY CAO DAI.

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21. LA THANH NGHE -- CHAIRMAN OF SAIGON CITY COUNCIL, INDEPENDENT SOUTHERN BUDDHIST.

22. NGUYEN KHOA PHAM -- CHAIRMAN OF THUA TIEN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL; BUDDHIST WHO WITHDREW FROM ELDC AFTER GVN ANTI-STRUGGLE ACTION IN DANANG.

23. TRAN CONG DINH -- CHAIRMAN QUANG TIN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, VNQDD.

24. TRUONG GIA KY SANH, AKA TRUC VIEN -- CHAIRMAN, VINH THUAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND INDEPENDENT BUDDHIST.

25. NGUYEN HUU PHU -- CHAIRMAN KONTUM PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, CATHOLIC.

26. LE TAI HOA -- CHAIRMAN LONG AN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND ONE OF TWO SECS-GEN ELDC COMMITTEE.

27. TO BINH CAM -- CHAIRMAN TAY NINH PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, CAO DAI.

28. LE QUANG HAO -- CHAIRMAN KIEN HOA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

29. HUYNH VAN LAU -- CHAIRMAN CHAU DOC PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, HOA HAO.

30. NGUYEN THIEN NHON -- MEMBER AND FORMER SECRETARY GIA DINH PROVINCE COUNCIL, CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF DR. PHAN QUANG DAN IN NEWLY-FORMED NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC BLOC.

31. TRUONG SON BA, AKA YABA -- MONTAGNARD, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR MONTAGNARD AFFAIRS.

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FOLLOWING IS DANANG'S 16 TO SAIGON DATED JULY 12 SIGNED FRANCIS

1. FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED FROM CONVERSATIONS AT HOI AN JULY 10,
2. VNQDD ARE STILL THINKING OF BACKING TWO SLATES OF TWO CANDIDATES EACH IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. FIRST WILL BE AN OFFICIAL VNQDD SLATE AND SECOND AN INDEPENDENT SLATE.
3. MILITARY CANDIDATES INTEND TO RUN AS INDEPENDENTS IN QUANG NAM BUT UNCLEAR IF THERE WILL BE ONE OR TWO SLATES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ONE OF INDEPENDENT MILITARY SLATES WILL BE THE SECOND SLATE SUPPORTED BY THE VNQDD.
4. RADICAL BUDDHIST LEADERSHIP IN QUANG NAM STILL SEEMS TO BE DISORGANIZED. NO ONE WILL HAZARD A GUESS AS TO WHAT THEY WILL DO DURING THE ELECTIONS BUT MOST VIETNAMESE OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT MAJORITY OF BUDDHISTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS. THEY POINT OUT THAT "TOO MANY BUDDHISTS WILL BE RUNNING ON OTHER TICKETS" TO MAKE A BUDDHIST BOYCOTT OF ELECTIONS PRACTICAL.

5. CATHOLICS HAVE ONE FIRST CANDIDATE BUT HAVE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE FINDING A GOOD SECOND CANDIDATE FOR THEIR SLATE.
6. LEADERS OF CAO DAI, PROTESTANT AND CONUCIAN GROUPS VERY VAGUE ABOUT WHC THEY AND THEIR FOLLOWERS WILL SUPPORT IN FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.
7. COMMENT: QUAN NAM'S TWO SEATS IN THE CONTITUENT ASSEMBLY SEEM TO BE ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF A NUMBER OF PROSPECTIVE YOURG POLITICIANS FROM OTHER AREAS. SEVERAL HAVE APPARENTLY COME UP FROM SAIGON TO SOUND THINGS OUT AND SEVERAL FROM DANANG ARE KNOWN TO HAVE LOOKED INTO POSSIBILITIES THERE. THESE ARE PROSPECTIVE INDEPENDENTS BUT WITH EXCEPTION OF THE MILITARY CANDIDATES NONE WOULD SEEM TO HAVE MUCH [illegible] OF BEING ELECTED.

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8. THE STRONGEST SINGLE GROUP IN QUANG NAM IS, OF COURSE, THE VNQDD AND AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE ELECTIONS IN THAT PROVINCE WILL BE HOW THE VNQDD RELATE TO THE INDEPENDENT MILITARY CANDIDATES.
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